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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF ITALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE FACTORIES BY STATE
OF CALIFORNIA

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP PENNAROLA (DIRECTOR, OFFICE NUMBER 1 -- ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES) INFORMED EMBOFF NOVEMBER 29 THAT ITALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCER FIAT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM AIR RESOURCE BOARD (ARB) OF CALIFORNIA NOTIFYING FIAT OF CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS WHICH WILL REQUIRE EITHER CALIFORNIA ARB INSPECTIONS OF FIAT ASSEMBLY LINES OR FIAT TESTING PROGRAM AT MANUFACTURERS EXPENSE IN CALIFORNIA IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO SELL AUTOMOBILE IN CALIFORNIA.

2. FIAT HAS REQUESTED MFA TO MAKE FORMAL PROTEST TO USG. EMBOFF HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CALL ON PENNAROLA DECEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS SITUATION. GOI DISTURBED THAT US STATES AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INSIST ON CONDUCTING SIMILAR INSPECTIONS IN ITALIAN FACTORIES. PENNAROLA NOTED THAT THERE ARE 49 OTHER STATES AND ASKED "WHERE WILL THIS STOP?"

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3. AS DEPT AWARE, CURRENT ITALIAN LAW PROHIBITS FOREIGN "IN-

SPECTIONS" OF ITALIAN FACTORIES. MFA AND FIAT WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE, BUT SEE NO NEED FOR DUPLICATION OF EFFORT BY USG AGENCY AND STATE AGENCIES. EMBASSY ALREADY DISCUSSING EPA PROGRAM WITH GOI IN EFFORT REACH SATISFACTORY SOLUTION, BUT CALIFORNIA PROGRAM IS SERIOUS COMPLICATING FACTOR.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY DECEMBER 3, IF POSSIBLE, FOR UE IN MEETING WITH MFA. VOLPE

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